MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know whether Government propose to do the same thing in regard to the Tamil Typewriter ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Am I to answer this question.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I do not think that the word Malayalam includes Tamil. Therefore it cannot be allowed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Does the member know that the inventor of the Malayalam Typewriter is a Travancorean ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I believe so.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Has he been encouraged by Government ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Certainly.

A Railway Station at Venkulam.

70. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the necessity for opening a Railway Station at Venkulam, to the north of Warkalai, has been brought to their notice ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps if any taken in the matter ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The South Indian Railway was moved in the matter, and two sites were selected for the Station. The matter has been ordered to lie over on account of financial stringency.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : When was the order passed ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : 21st August.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : Is the member aware that Venkulam and Edava are thickly populated places ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : Does the member know that there is no nearest approach road to the Railway Station at Venkulam ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The question was considered and Government decided to open a station. But due to want of funds the scheme is allowed to lie over at present.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chiraykil II*) : My point is, does the Government know that there is no approach road ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Probably the member is putting this question with a definite object to establish the urgency of the matter.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : Will the Government be pleased to address the Railway authorities for opening a new station in view of the fact that the surrounding locality is thickly populated ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : For want of funds, the matter is allowed to lie over. That was the answer.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): After the matter has been referred to the Railway authorities, may I know whether any new Railway Station was opened?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): What will be the cost of opening this Railway Station?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Rs. 15,000.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether this fund may not be available at least by diversion of funds in view of the urgent necessity for a station at Venkulam?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether, if the people of the locality guarantee that no loss will accrue to Government, they will favourably consider the question of opening a Railway Station?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The matt was considered by Government favourably. Due to want of funds, t matter is allowed to lie over for the present.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whet any enquiry was made through the Tahsildar of the taluk for t quarters of the Station Master, *etc.*, at the locality?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Railway District Engineer has inspected the site and has proposed the opening of a station.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether it is possible to open at least a trial station just like Kaniyapuram or Akathumuri?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It has been decided by Government to open a new station. The question will be examined again.

Supply of rice to the Oolampara Hospital.

71. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what kind of rice was supplied to the Hospital at Oolampara in 1108;

(*b*) how many times the supplies of rice were rejected as they were not according to sample;

(*c*) what kind of rice is supplied in the current year; and

(*d*) whether samples were shown at the time of auction?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Chamba rice.

(*b*) No record is kept.

(*c*) Chamba rice.

(*d*) Yes.

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